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MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Honorable Vincent C. Gray

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM:

Natwar M. Gandhi

Chief Financial Officer

DATE:

April 2, 2009

SUBJECT:

Fiscal Impact Statement - "Student Discipline Regulations Approval

Resolution of 2009"

REFERENCE:

DRAFT- No resolution number

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 budget and the FY 2010 through FY 2013 proposed budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed resolution.

Background

This proposed resolution would approve the rulemaking adopted by the Chancellor of the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) regarding new regulations for student discipline in DCPS. Specifically, the proposed legislation would replace Chapter 25 (Student Discipline) of Title 5 (Education) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations in its entirety. These rules detail what behaviors are grounds for disciplinary action, the corresponding disciplinary actions and the procedures for implementing the disciplinary actions.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 budget and the FY 2010 through FY 2013 proposed budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed resolution. Many of the

¹ This rulemaking is authorized pursuant to Section 103 of the DC Public Education Reform Act of 2007, effective June 12, 2007 (D.C. Law 17-9; D.C. Official Code § 38-172) and Mayor's Order 2007-186 (August 10, 2007).

² While this chapter would be replaced in its entirety by the proposed legislation, substantial revisions were not made regarding the existing rules for disciplining a student with a disability.

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procedures that require staff time, such as disciplinary hearings or conferences, are not significantly different from the previous rules, and thus could be accommodated with the current staff time and resources. Therefore, amending the rules regarding student discipline does not have a fiscal impact.